

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

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DATE: APRIL 16, 2003

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S (FEMA)  
EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER IMPROVEMENT GRANT  
APPLICATION

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for improvements to the City's emergency operations center (EOC) at the Fire Training Division at the Lee Center.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the grant application.

**DISCUSSION:** Our EOC is a vital part of our emergency preparedness efforts and it enables us to maintain the City's continuity of government and to provide ancillary support during hazardous materials or disaster incidents.

The grant application will enable the City to upgrade the workspace associated with the EOC and provide sleeping, eating and washroom facilities at Lee Center for the staff of the EOC, who could be required to work for extended hours in emergencies. The grant will also provide communication and computer equipment to assist in handling emergencies and will provide for security and the expansion of the emergency power system for the EOC.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The City is requesting a total of \$880,000 in this application. This grant requires a 75/25 match. The 75 percent is provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and 25 percent must be matched by the City of Alexandria. The City's 25 percent match is \$220,000. The matching funds will come from the currently budgeted project for improvements at the Lee Center.

**STAFF:**  
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